

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

The following definitions apply to this Policy:

School property - P.A.E.C. and school buildings, grounds, and parking areas; vehicles used for school purposes; and any location used for a Governing Board meeting, school athletic event, or other school-sponsored or school-sanctioned events or activities.

Visitor - Any person other than a student enrolled in a P.A.E.C. program or P.A.E.C. employee.

All visitors to P.A.E.C. property are required to report to the Principal's office and receive permission to remain on the property. All visitors must sign a visitors' log, show identification, and wear a visitor's badge. When leaving the building, visitors must return their badge. On those occasions when large groups of parents/guardians, friends, and/or community members are invited onto school property or when community members are attending Board meetings, visitors are not required to sign in but must follow school officials' instructions. Persons on school property without permission will be directed to leave and may be subject to criminal prosecution.

Except as provided in the next paragraph, any person wishing to confer with a staff member should contact that staff member to make an appointment. Conferences with teachers are held, to the extent possible, outside school hours or during the teacher's conference/preparation period.

The Cooperative expects mutual respect, civility, and orderly conduct among all people on P.A.E.C. property or at a P.A.E.C. event. No person on P.A.E.C. property or at a P.A.E.C. event (including visitors, students, and employees) shall perform any of the following acts:

1. Strike, injure, threaten, harass, or intimidate a staff member, Governing Board member, sports official or coach, or any other person.
2. Behave in an unsportsmanlike manner, or use vulgar or obscene language.
3. Unless specifically permitted by State law, possess a weapon, any object that can reasonably be considered a weapon or looks like a weapon, or any dangerous device.
4. Damage or threaten to damage another's property.
5. Damage or deface P.A.E.C. property.
6. Violate any Illinois law, or town or county ordinance.
7. Smoke or otherwise use tobacco products.
8. Distribute, consume, use, possess, or be impaired by or under the influence of an alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug.
9. Be present when the person's alcoholic beverage, cannabis, other lawful product, or illegal drug consumption is detectible, regardless of when and/or where the use occurred.
10. Use or possess medical cannabis, unless he or she has complied with policy 7:270, *Administering Medicines to Students*, implementing *Ashley's Law*.
11. Impede, delay, disrupt, or otherwise interfere with any P.A.E.C. activity or function (including using cellular phones in a disruptive manner).
12. Enter upon any portion of P.A.E.C. premises at any time for purposes other than those that are lawful and authorized by the Governing Board.
13. Operate a motor vehicle: (a) in a risky manner, (b) in excess of 20 miles per hour, or (c) in violation of an authorized Cooperative employee's directive.

14. Engage in any risky behavior, including roller-blading, roller-skating, or skateboarding.
15. Violate other P.A.E.C. policies or regulations, or a directive from an authorized security officer or P.A.E.C. employee.
16. Engage in any conduct that interferes with, disrupts, or adversely affects the Cooperative or a P.A.E.C. function.

Convicted Child Sex Offender

State law prohibits a child sex offender from being present on school property or loitering within 500 feet of school property when persons under the age of 18 are present, unless the offender meets either of the following two exceptions:

1. The offender is a parent/guardian of a student attending a P.A.E.C. program who has notified the Principal of his or her presence at P.A.E.C. for the purpose of: (i) attending a conference with school personnel to discuss the progress of his or her child academically or socially, (ii) participating in child review conferences in which evaluation and placement decisions may be made with respect to his or her child regarding special education services, or (iii) attending conferences to discuss other student issues concerning his or her child such as retention and promotion, or
2. The offender received permission to be present from the Governing Board, Executive Director, or Executive Director's designee. If permission is granted, the Executive Director or Governing Board President shall provide the details of the offender's upcoming visit to the Principal.

In all cases, the Executive Director, or designee who is a certified employee, shall supervise a child sex offender whenever the offender is in a child's vicinity.

Exclusive Bargaining Representative Agent

Please refer to the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s).

For employees whose collective bargaining agreement does not address this subject:

Upon notifying the Building Principal's office, authorized agents of an exclusive bargaining representative will be provided reasonable access to employees in the bargaining unit they represent in accordance with State law. Such access shall be conducted in a manner that will not impede the normal operations of P.A.E.C.

Enforcement

Any staff member may request identification from any person on P.A.E.C. property; refusal to provide such information is a criminal act. The Principal or designee shall remove any person who refuses to provide requested identification.

Any person who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy may be ejected from or denied admission to P.A.E.C. property in accordance with State law. The person also may be subject to being denied admission to P.A.E.C. athletic or extracurricular events for up to one calendar year in accordance with the procedures below.

Procedures to Deny Future Admission to Athletic or Extracurricular P.A.E.C. Events

Before any person may be denied admission to athletic or extracurricular P.A.E.C. events, the person has a right to a hearing before the Governing Board. The Executive Director may refuse the person admission pending such hearing. The Executive Director or designee must provide the person with a

hearing notice, delivered or sent by certified mail with return receipt requested, at least 10 days before the Governing Board hearing date. The hearing notice must contain:

1. The date, time, and place of the Governing Board hearing,
2. A description of the prohibited conduct,
3. The proposed time period that admission to P.A.E.C. events will be denied, and
4. Instructions on how to waive a hearing.

LEGAL REF.:

Nuding v. Cerro Gordo Community Unit School Dist., 313 Ill. App.3d 344 (4th Dist. 2000).

20 U.S.C. §7971 et seq., Pro-Children Act of 2001.

105 ILCS 5/10-20.5, 10-20.5b, 5/10-22.10, 5/22-33, 5/24-25, and 5/27-23.7(a).

115 ILCS 5/3(c), Ill. Educational Labor Relations Act.

410 ILCS 130/, Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Program Act.

410 ILCS 705/, Cannabis Tax and Regulation Act.

430 ILCS 66/, Firearm Concealed Carry Act.

720 ILCS 5/11-9.3, 5/21-1, 5/21-1.2, 5/21-3, 5/21-5, 5/21-5.5, 5/21-9, and 5/21-11.

CROSS REF.: 2:200 (Types of Board Meetings), 2:230 (Public Participation at Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board), 4:170 (Safety), 5:50, (Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition), 6:250 (Community Resource Persons and Volunteers), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:270 (Administering Medicines to Students), 8:20 (Community Use of School Facilities), 8:32 (Observations and Evaluations of Students with Disabilities)

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Proviso Area for Exceptional Children (P.A.E.C.)